

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the interview with the Examiner.

The Examiner's highly beneficial cooperation during the interview has been gratefully acknowledged.

In connection with the discussion of the claims and the differences between the present invention as defined in the claims and the prior art applied by the Examiner, claim 1, the broadest claim on file, has been amended to more clearly define the present invention and to distinguish it from the prior art.

In particular, claim 1, in addition to other features, defines that the intake nozzle 20 extends in a longitudinal direction, it is separated from the housing 10 by an additional casing 38 in a direction which is transverse to the longitudinal direction, and the additional casing 38 which provides this separation is located between the intake nozzle 20 and the housing 10 in the transverse direction.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as amended clearly and patentably distinguishes the present invention from the prior art applied by the Examiner against the original claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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